

C1885-032 Chancery Causes: Louisa J. Lewis vs. Hiram Lewis
Lee Co.

Adams, Haynes, Rutherford, Fleenor, Thompson

CA-Divorce

T-Vices

To the Honorable, John A. Kelly, Judge of the
Circuit Court of Lehigh County:

Your Oratrix, Louisa J. Lewis,
humbly complaining would respectfully
represent unto your honor:

That in the year 1872 she
intermarried with one Shiram Lewis,
with whom she lived happily for
about ten years, when he for cause un-
known unto your oratrix left their
home and broke off the matrimonial re-
lations and has ever since remained and
lived away from your oratrix and their
family, consisting of two children, which
children have ever since his abandon-
ment, been supported and maintained
by her, and it seems he has utterly
totally and forever abandoned them.
Your oratrix, further alleges in
oath, that the said Shiram
with whom your oratrix
lived, has since his
desertion of her, lived
with women, kept the
company of notorious pro-
stitutes for some time and
at the house of a woman
and a woman of much
living in open notorious

Your oratrix has passed
this hardship and submitted
to the reproaches of a
with the hope that
became ashamed of
return to your oratrix
fails to either return
the society and inter-
course of women; these
oratrix feels herself constrained
invoke the intervention of your Honors
court's conscience in her behalf.

Now the object of this bill is to
obtain a divorce "a vinculo matri-
monii", to effect which your oratrix
prays, that the said Hiram Lewis
be made a party defendant to this
bill; that he be required to render
a full and true and perfect answer to
the same upon his Corporal oath;
that your oratrix may be entirely
divorced from him and the marriage
declared forever dissolved. And for
all other, further and general relief
as this her cause requires, and to eg-
uity may seem fit and proper.
And may a summons issue against the
said defendant herein before
named &c. And your oratrix will
ever pray &c

L. T. Bureau

P. 2.

Louisa J. Lewis

rs. $\frac{1}{2}$ Bill in chcy.

Hiram Lewis,

1885 May Bill Filed

" June Spd Exd + Dctm

" July Court Confd

" Aug Cause set for hearing

" Aug Term Recd in final

1890 to 1900

L. 5.07

S 1.50

J.D. 75

Wrt 1.50

A 15.00

\$23.82

L 6.00

29.82

Louisa J. Lewis

J.D. Recd in chcy.

Hiram Lewis

Louisa J. Lewis Pltff

vs

Hiram Lewis Dft

in chancery

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill of the complainant, the deposition of witnesses and was argued by counsel. It appearing ^{to the court} that process has been duly served upon the defendant for more than 30 days before the first day of this Term and that he has failed to appear answer plead or demur the bill is taken for confessed as to him, On consideration of all which the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the plaintiff and Defendant are dissolved, a vinculo matrimonii. But the Defendant Hiram Lewis is inhibited and restrained from contracting again marriage in this state. And it is further adjudged that the plaintiff recover from the defendant her costs in this behalf expended for which execution may issue and this cause is stricken from the docket

Louisa J. Lewis

vs. $\frac{1}{3}$ Decree

Hiram Lewis

Entered Page 470

J. R. Gibson D. C.

Enter this decree
J. R. K.

Aug 29th 1885

The deposition of Thomas Adams taken on the 10th day of August 1885 at the dwelling house of John W Morris in the County of Lee pursuant to Notice hereto attached, before John W Morris a Justice of the peace in and for said County, which deposition is intended to be read as evidence on behalf of the Plaintiff in a suit in Chancery now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee County Va in which Leticia J Lewis is the Plaintiff and Hiram Lewis defendant.

Thomas Adams a witness of lawful age being first duly sworn deposes and says.

1 Question by Plaintiff. Are you acquainted with Leticia J. Lewis and Hiram Lewis her husband, who are the Plaintiff and defendant in the suit herein referred to.

Answer. yes Sir I am acquainted with them

2 Question by same. How long have you been acquainted with them.

Answer. I have been ^{year or longer} acquainted with them four or five

3 Question by same. Where does the said Hiram Lewis now live, and state if you know how long since he

abandoned ~~his~~ wife?

Answer. To the best of my knowledge he lives at Jane Heanes, and has abandoned his wife about three years

4 Question by same. Is it not a fact that the said Hiram Lewis is now making his home with one Jane Haynes a woman of loose virtue, living near Jonesville, and has he not been staying with the said Jane Haynes for a year or more.

Answer. That is my understanding, and my information is that he has been staying there a year or more

5. Question, by the same, Did you ever see the said Hiram Lewis, and the said Jane Haynes, bedding with each other. And state if it is not a fact that while you were carrying the mail for Lewis that the said Lewis made his home with the said Jane Haynes they living together like man and wife State all about it.

Answer. I have seen them bedding together about the last of my carrying the mail for Lewis he had his cloths there and was making his home there

and last fall while I carried the mail
for James McKounel he was making his
home there, and was living together as man & wife.
6th Question by same If you know
of any acts of adultery committed
by said Lewis with any other per-
son. If so state all about it.

Answer. I have seen all signs of him being
guilty of adultery with others & have
seen all motions of the said & to the
best of my knowledge he committed
adultery

his
Thomas & Adams
mark

Virginia Lee County, to wit

I John W Morris a Justice of the
Peace in and for the County and State
aforesaid do Certify that the foregoing
deposition of Thomas Adams was taken
sworn ^{to} and subscribed before me on
the day at the place and for the four
purposes mentioned in the caption Given
under my hand This the 10th day of
August 1886

John W Morris J.P.

Louisa J. Lewis
vs $\frac{1}{2}$ Depo.
Hiram Lewis

Filed Aug. 24th

1885

J. C. Heston
C. C.

by J. C. Heston

The depositions of John Rutherford
Thos. W. Flenor and John Thompson
taken before me H. C. Jackson a Justice
of the County of Lee on the 24th day
of August 1885 at the ^{Law} Office of Duncan
D. Pennington in the Town of Jourdsville
in pursuance to Notice hereto attached
which depositions are intended to be
read as evidence in behalf of the
Plaintiff in a suit in Chancery now
pending in the Circuit Court of Lee
County Va in which Louisa J. Lewis
is Plaintiff and Hiram Lewis is
Defendant.

John Rutherford, a witness of lawful
age being duly sworn deposes and says:
Question by Plaintiff Are you acquainted
with Hiram Lewis, if so how long have
you known him and where does he now
make his home,

Answer

I am acquainted with Hiram
Lewis. have been acquainted with
him two or three years. He has been
making his home with Jane
Haynes since I became acquainted
with him. I live near to the
Said Jane Haynes, and pass her
house often, where I see the Said

Lewis knocking about and acting like he was at home. The general reputation in our neighbourhood is that the said Lewis and Jane Haynes - are living together after the order of man and wife, The said Haynes has been for years known as a woman of bad repute.

And further this deponent doth not

Witness Claims
1 day .50 cts

John ^{mis} ~~x~~ Retherford
^{mark}

Thomas W. Fleenor another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows,

Question by Plaintiff Are you acquainted with Hiram Lewis, how long have you known him and when has he been making his home for the last two or three years.

Answer. I am acquainted with Hiram Lewis, have known him about three years, he came into this section of the County about three years ago from the Crab Orchard where I learn he had been living some ten or twelve years. Since he came into this neighbourhood general

reputation says he has been making his home with Jane Haynes a woman of bad repute who lives about two miles from Jonesville. A little more than a year ago I arrested said Lewis on a Capias. I found him at the House of the said Jane Haynes in the bed. This was just about daylight. We knocked at the door and after some time the said Jane Haynes - opened the door and let us in. From the appearance of the bed in which Lewis was lying some one else had slept with him. I have seen the said Lewis at this place at various times in the last three years. all was apparently at home, And further this deponent saith not.

Thos. W. Fleeson

Witness

Claims / doc
50 cts

John Thompson another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows.

I am acquainted with Hiram Lewis, ^{I have known him} about two years. during that time he has made his home with one Jane Haynes - a woman

of bad repute and loose virtue
living about two miles from
Jonesville. I have frequently during
that time, seen the said Lewis
at said place, acting as if he
was at home, he has on one
or more occasions talked to me
about the said Jones in which
conversation he told me that
the said Jones was true to
him, and that he did not believe
she had had anything to do, with
any other man since he had
been living with her, on one
occasion I went to the house of
the said Jones Haynes after night
and called for the said Lewis, he
got up, came to the door, in
his shirt and drawers, I did
not go into the house and
don't know who he had been
sleeping with,

Witness

Claims / day
50 cents.

And further this deponent saith not
John ^{his} ~~mark~~ Thompson
Virginia Lee County To wit:

I H. C. Foslyn a Justice of the
Peace for Lee County, State of
Virginia, do Certify that the

foregoing depositions of John
Retherford, T. W. Fleenor, and
John Thompson, were taken
sworn to and subscribed before
me on the day, at the place
and for the purposes mentioned
in the Caption, given under my
hand this 24th day of August 1888:
H. C. Goslyn J. P.

Louisa J. Lewis
of { depositions

Thirum Lewis.

Filed Aug. 24th 1888-

J. A. H. Hatt & Co

J. P. H. H.

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Hiram Lewis

Take notice, That
I on the 10th day of August
1881 at the dwelling house of John
H. Morris will proceed to take the
deposition of Thomas Adams &
others, which, when taken, I
intend to be read as evidence in
my behalf in a certain suit
in chancery now pending in
the Circuit Court of Lee coun-
ty State of Virginia, in which
Louisa Lewis is plaintiff and
Hiram Lewis is defendant.

And if at from any cause
the same be not commenced
or if commenced, be not completed
upon that day, the taking will
be adjourned from time to time
and from place to place un-
til completed.

Very Respectfully
Louisa Lewis by
C. P. Duncanson

notice

Lewis & Lewis
V.S. } written
Hiram Lewis

Executed by deliver
ing a copy of the
within note to Hiram
Lewis Aug 5th 1885

John Flannery D.D.
for R. D. Flannery, Secy.

~~for Hiram~~
Lewis

Mr Hiram Lewis

Please take notice that
on Monday the 24th day of August 1885
at the law office of Newman & Purnegon
in the town of Jonesville I will proceed to take
the deposition of John Rutherford, Joseph
Garrett & others to be read as evidence in my
behalf in a suit in chancery now pending
in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia
in which I am plaintiff and you are
defendant. You can attend and cross
examine if you desire so to do.

August 22nd 1885

Louisa F. Lewis by
Counsel.

Louisa J. Lewis

W.S. } Foster

Hiram Lewis

Executed by deliver-
ing a copy of the
within notice

to Hiram Lewis

This Aug 24th 1885-

Given Flanary &
for R. D. Flanary S. L. C.

Rec'd

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of Lee County---Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU to summon

Hiram Lewis

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Court House, on the first Monday in
June next, being Rule Day, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited in our Court against
him, by

Louisa J. Lewis

And have then and there this Writ. Witness, J. A. G. HYATT, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House,
this *12th* day of *May*, 188*5*, in the 10*9* year of the Commonwealth.

J. A. G. Hyatt, Clerk.

A Copy---Teste :

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Louisa J. Lewis

vs $\frac{3}{3}$ Spain Chey

Hiram Lewis.

To June Rules 1885

Executed by
delivering an
office copy of this
Spa. to Hiram
Lewis. May 16th
1885.

R. D. Flouman
S. L. C.